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2014

ten  
reasons  
to join us!

# evanston!community foundation

Researchers say the earliest years are the best time to target the achievement gap and give all kids an equal opportunity to succeed.

We believe in Evanston.  
The strength of the individual.  
The power of community.

## 1 strong healthy families

Parents are motivated to improve their lives to give their young children a better chance in life. The Evanston Two-Generation Initiative, a partnership between the Foundation and Northwestern researchers, builds on this motivation. A first group of 13 mothers is participating in our pilot program, gaining the training and skills they need to set and achieve career goals while their children benefit from early learning experiences at Infant Welfare Society, Child Care Center of Evanston, and D.65 Family Center.

## 2 honest conversations

The Foundation is a proud sponsor of RACE: Are We So Different?, the acclaimed exhibition the YWCA Evanston/North Shore is bringing to the area in collaboration with the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. RACE focuses on our lived experience from biological, cultural and scientific perspectives as a way to understand how we are all different, yet how much more we are alike. ECF is also the primary sponsor of the first lecture in RACE's Scholar Series, titled "Science and Race: A Contested History," on November 6.





## something to build on **3**

ECF and the Evanston Arts Council were asked by the City in 2012 to develop a vision for the arts. The final report of this community-wide effort, called EvanstARTs, was presented on March 10, 2014. It articulates a vision for Evanston's cultural arts plan, and identifies priorities and progress achieved since EvanstARTs was launched, such as the hiring of a Cultural Arts Coordinator. Next up—the planning and implementation of a downtown “kiosk” to build awareness of arts programming in Evanston.



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## **6** opportunities for all

In *Project 20*, Connections for the Homeless outreach workers aim to move 20 of Evanston's sickest and chronically homeless from the streets into permanent supportive housing, connecting them first to stabilizing healthcare and then to ongoing services. To date, 17 of 20 clients have been engaged and more than half have developed self-stabilization plans.

## **4** working together

Moms who suffer from post-partum depression find it hard to pay attention to their babies, and depressed moms who suffer from multiple at-risk factors often don't reach out for help. Beyond the Baby Blues and the Infant Welfare Society of Evanston are collaborating on a pilot program to help such mothers. With treatment and social support, moms will be able to build healthy relationships with their babies...and thrive together.

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GOOD**

## **5** envisioning new possibilities

Evanston Scholars helps bright ETHS students navigate barriers to thrive in college. Working with parents, school staff, and volunteer mentors, Evanston Scholars helps students begin to prepare in their junior year. They look for colleges that are a good fit in academics, social climate, and financial aid. The 10 students in the first cohort are all finishing their second year of college, and this year's 14 freshmen are attending fine schools—11 with full-tuition scholarships.



## **7** thinking outside the box

The James B. Moran Center is trying a different approach to address youth violence: getting at-risk teenagers and police officers to spend time together at events like basketball games, rock-climbing, and theatrical performances. Both groups noted increased communication and improved relationships with each other and their larger circles of friends and colleagues on the streets. In response to the program's success with a Foundation grant, the Rotary Club of Evanston is funding a second year.

## **8** chances to be successful

Curt's Café offers at-risk youth including ex-offenders the chance of a new future by training them in food service and life skills. The Foundation has provided grants and mentorship to the Café since it opened, and helped establish an endowed fund to support it far into the future. Twenty-one of the 26 original students who participated have either been placed in jobs, are in school, or are currently looking for placement with the Café's help.

## save the date

**28th annual grant awards reception**  
Thursday, May 29 at One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue. Join us to hear what the new recipients of our 2014-15 Responsive Grants plan to accomplish with the Foundation's support! Admission is free, but space is limited.

**signature leadership evanston**  
Registration beginning soon for Class XXIII. Find an application at [evanstonforever.org](http://evanstonforever.org).

**snapshot evanston**  
Thursday, October 23. Catch our one-day, fast-track orientation to the Evanston community and current issues. Learn more at [evanstonforever.org](http://evanstonforever.org).

**celebrate! evanston**  
Sunday, October 19 at Michigan Shores Club. Our annual gala keeps breaking attendance records as one of the best parties in town. Ask now about sponsorship opportunities!

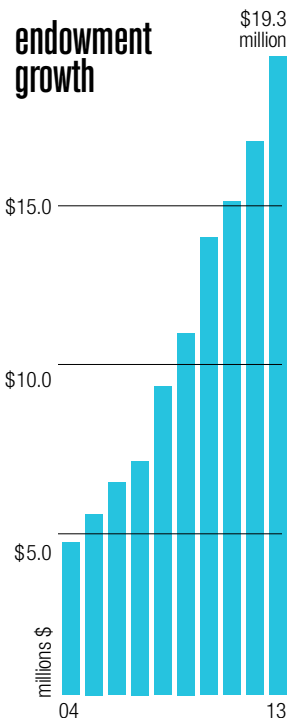
**science & race: a contested history**  
Thursday, November 6 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. ECF is the sponsor of this first lecture in the Scholar Series of the *RACE: Are We So Different?* exhibit. Learn more at [ywca.org/evanston](http://ywca.org/evanston).

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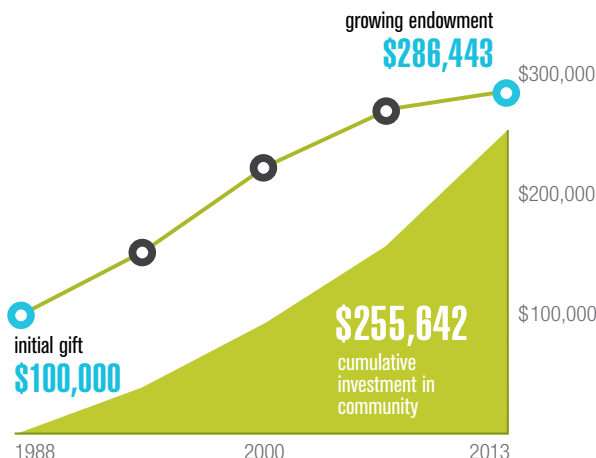
# 9 accomplishing long-term goals



Careful stewardship of your contributions so that they support today’s needs *and* the community’s bright future is an ironclad commitment of the Evanston Community Foundation. Our investment activity is a “marathon, not a sprint,” and we generate consistent returns over time. The tremendous ten-year growth in both our endowment and in what we’re able to give away each year tells the story.

## a gift to the endowment gives AND grows

Based on actual results, a gift of \$100,000 in 1988 would have funded distributions more than twice the size of the original gift—and would also have left in place a fund that is nearly three times the size of the original gift.



## funds of the foundation: pooling resources for a big impact

We’re here for good: The Foundation is your locally based way to pool gifts that build permanent funds—to give back and look ahead.



## 10 common concern

**annual fund**  
*supports the full range of current grants and activities*

**board-directed broad-purpose funds**

- Acorn Fund
- All Our Sons
- Arts in Community Fund
- Balkcom Family Fund for Literacy and Affordable Housing
- Communityworks Fund
  - Pearl & Sander Davis Fund for Communityworks
- Cultural Diversity Initiative
- Evanston Realtors Fund
- George Cyrus Memorial Fund

Leonard Fisher Fund for Nursing Education

Foundation Fund  
*our endowment in support of ECF's sustainability*

Jim Kogen Foundation Spirit Fund

Gene Lavengood Fund

Fund for Evanston  
*our general endowment to meet community needs through grants and programs*

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Anderson Fund

Natasha S. Deutsch Fund

Evanston United Way Fund

Martha and Don Farley Fund

Rees-Servillo/Jan Heffernan Memorial Dinner Fund

Jeffrey M. Schoenberg Honorary Fund **NEW**

Fund for Women & Girls

Green Communities Fund

Leadership Fund

Leadership Chairs Challenge

Marybeth Schroeder Fund for Leadership

Lydia Martin Memorial Fund for Children and the Arts

Lorraine Hairston Morton Fund for Youth

Skokie Community Fund

Sweers Fund for Children and the Arts

Faith Vilas Fund for Youth

### organizational endowments

Center for Independent Futures Fund

Chessmen Legacy Fund

ETHS Educational Foundation Fund

David B. Fodor Musician Residency Program Fund **NEW**

Richard A. Giesen Memorial Scholarship Fund **NEW**

Margaret Gunn Scholarship Endowment at ETHS

Joseph and Linnie Lee Moragne Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ron Selke Mathematics and Citizenship Lecture Series Fund **NEW**

Unterman Fund for ETHS

Barry Zwick Football Scholarship Fund

Evanston Environmental Education Fund

Evanston Fourth of July Association

Evanston Symphony Orchestra Association Fund

Grady Bird Sanctuary Fund for the Evanston Environmental Association

Literature for All of Us Fund

North Shore Village Endowment Fund

Roycemore School Endowment Fund

Eisner Endowment for Roycemore School

Frances Willard House Fund **NEW**

Youth Job Center Endowment Fund

### donor-designated funds

Virginia L. and William K. Beatty Volunteer Service Award

Beatty Family Scholarship Fund

William K. Beatty Medical History Prize

Chicago Urban Youth Scholarship Fund

Fund for Curt's Café

Evanston Police and Fire Fund

Foster Reading Center Fund

Grandmother Park Fund **NEW**

Susan Willis Heiberger Memorial Garden Fund

Mickey's Children's Fund

Rayna and Marvin Miller Fund for Open Communities

Bruce E. Mitchell Short Story Fund

Chuck Remen Memorial Fund

Norman W. Thomas Jr. Scholarship Fund

Rose and Andy Thomas Educational Fund

YWCA Evanston/North Shore Education Fund **NEW**

### donor-advised funds

ABS Fund

B & J Fund

Friends of the Arts Fund

Goodman/Weinberger Fund

Gratch Family Fund

Jon Kimmel Memorial Fund

Avi Kurganoff Memorial Fund

Lytle Family Fund

Joe "Butch" Martin Fund

Partners for the Future Fund

Plumtree Fund

Mary Laflin Rockwell Fund

Weisblat Family Fund

Zunamon-Cunniff Family Fund

### funds for foundation initiatives

Evanston Climate Action Fund

Evanston Gun Buyback Fund

Evanston Two-Generation Fund

Illinois Early Childhood Fellowship Fund

## competitive and strategic grant recipients

April 2013 to March 2014

Beyond the Baby Blues

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago

Center for Community Arts Partnerships (CCAP) at Columbia College Chicago

Center for Economic Progress

Center for Independent Futures

Childcare Network of Evanston

Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County

Connections for the Homeless

Curt's Café

Design Evanston

Erie Family Health Clinic

Erika's Lighthouse

Evanston 150: Learn to Work

Evanston Art Center

Evanston Community Market

Evanston Dance Ensemble

Evanston Day Nursery

Evanston Public Library

Evanston Scholars

Evanston School Children's Clothing Association

Evanston Township High School

Evanston/Skokie District 65 Family Center

Family Focus

Family Promise Chicago North Shore

Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)

First Night Evanston

Frances Willard Historical Association

Grandmother Park Initiative

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

Latino Resources

Learn to Work taskforce

Lighthouse 21st Century Community Learning Centers

The Lilac Tree

Literacy Works

Literature for All of Us

McGaw YMCA

Mudlark Theatre Company

National Able Network, Inc.

Next Theatre Company

North Shore Senior Center

Northlight Theatre

Open Studio Project

PEER Services

Piven Theatre Workshop

The Recyclery Collective

Warren W. Cherry Preschool

Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations Umbrella)

Youth Job Center of Evanston, Inc.

YWCA Evanston/North Shore

**ecf**  
**is moving up**

After 10 years, we're moving to a new home in late June: the 5th floor of the Rotary Building, 1560 Sherman Ave. That's why the reply envelope is addressed to a PO box. We look forward to showing you ECF's new home!

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